CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR TEACHERS IS **CUT IN SALARIES**

Park Commissioner Stover Proposes "Economy" in City's Play grounds.

WOMEN MAKE PROTEST.

Point Out That While Their Pay Is Reduced, Supervisor Gets an Increase.

issioner Stover, acting or n of Supervisor Bradstreet shut down two of the en playgrounds on Jan 1. reduce the salaries of the teacher-attendants in the refifteen playgrounds.

cheerful Christmas news has nveyed to the women teacheroupled with the additions ion that Supervisor Bradstreet ave \$500 added to his salary. It is at the Commissioner's office that aries of teacher-attendants are to uced in the interest of economy. women attendants express the that a portion of their small is to be sacrificed for the benene Supervisor. Will Make a Fight.

scher-attendants are not going to the proposed cutting of their without a fight. They virted number of the members of the of Aldermen, who promised to up the Stover-Bradstreet plan nes before them for ratifica

ceives a salary of \$2,500 for the of supervising the playgrounds ate the most the attendants would six days a week, tart it is Bradplan to run the playgrounds on time schedule, so that the ac-L. Curry and Mrs. A. Peacock ee of teacher-attendants Alderman Frank L. Dowling.

ratic leader of the Board, to-Need of Good Teachers. city should encourage the emnt of the best playground a available," said Miss Macomhe playgrounds is valuable. It not be possible to get such teachthe city is going to reduce sal-that are already low and to pay

ert time in the bargain," that the matter would go to a

STUBLAME, SAYS

(Continued from First Page.)

yard. The explosion shows in itsel Pintsch gas is a powerful and dan ive under certain condi-

Coroner Acritelli, who is not er of the Municipal Explosives on, is looking over the process ufacturing Pintsch gas to-day d District-Attorney Whitman and of will have a talk on this phase accident this evening." ee May Remain a Mystery.

trict-Attorney Whitman, who has fined twelve New York Central offigave out the following statement

of the explosion is known, and it rly the duty of the District-Atey to see to it that a thorough and ond that there he no uncertainty as

XMAS SUGGESTIONS.

This is an age of rapid transit.

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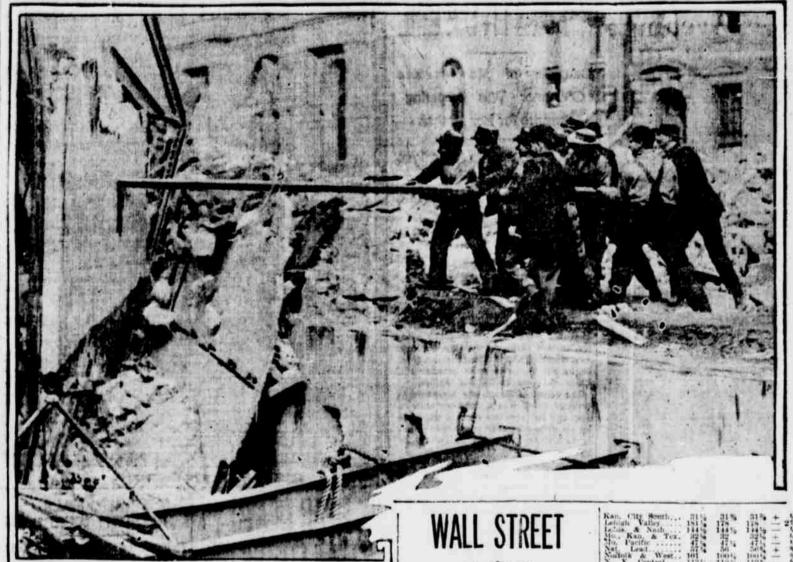
ure bent;

Daughter must KEEP PACE with the times when taking her pin through the park.

HORSES, CARRI-AGES, BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES ETC., THEREFORE, WILL MAKE AD-MIRABLE CHRIST-MAS PRESENTS.

-For Bargains See World Ads. To-Day.

Wreckers at Work Tearing Down Walls Shaken by the Grand Central Explosion WITNESS AGAINST



to the criminal liability of any person sion was due to dynamite, but this is

"Of course, if the explosive was im properly stored or illegally kept on the remises there is a violation of the criminal law, and if evidence of this is developed it is the District-Attorney's duty to bring it to the attention of the Grand Jury."

Fire Marshal Beers and Deputy Fire Marshals Kelly and Kilgalion continued at Fire Headquarters their investigation to determine the cause of the explosion The investigation was held behind closed doors, but the result will be made publi

by Commissioner Waldo. There is little hope that the exact of the explosion will ever be known. The only men who could have given absolute information were at work close to the leaking gas pipe, and all of Senate Committee on Privileges and them were killed.

Smelled Gas Half an Hour.

Two of the witnesses called to-day in the investigation of the Fire Marshal were John Spalding and Thomas Quinn, bricklayers. They were at work on a

that the building under which it oc- declined to say whether the report wa curred was constructed so solidly. The unantmous. open space under the structure of steel, oncrete and brick was closed on the western and northern sides by solid walls, and on the southerly side there were obstructions in the shape of long strings of steel railroad cars.

The easterly side was open. Marshal Beers likens the space under the build-ing to the bore of a cannon or an aumobile cylinder. The force of the explosion was out through the open easterly end, and it was sufficient to blow a street car off the track 100 feet away and drive timbers into the brick wall of the fire house at the southeast corner of Fiftieth etreet and Lexington avenue. The explosive force escaped like the charge from a gun.

List of Injured Grows.

The list of injured is mounting hourly. Twelve new names were added to the East Fifty-first street station this morn-ing. Persons living as far as half a ing. Persons living as far as half a mile away from the explosion were hur;

ing splinters.

There are victims of the explosion in New York, Presbyterian, St. Vincent, Flower and Believue Hospitals. None of the injured died during the night, but a number are in a critical condi-tion, and that the death list will be swelled before the day is over there is hardly doubt.

Various theories have been advanced by Fire Chief Croker, experts in the employ of the railroad and others as to the cause of the explosion. They range from the accidental dropping of a crow-Father must HURRY to his busi-in the sub-station structure, which was filled with gas. It also is suggested that the flame from a lantern or lighted jet

It is known that a runaway train in charge of Albert Seagroatt, a motor-man, smashed through a bumper and broke a gas pipe. Then it is believed that one of the workmen dropped a drill across the third rail and the sparks which rose ignited the gas and the explosion followed. However, the officials say nothing can be known at this time. Most of the men who could have ex-plained the accident are dead.

Dynamite Not Exploded.

William A. Withall, the man in charge of the Pintsch gas tanks, noticed before s o'clock that the gas was escaping rapidly. He went to the power house to make an examination, but before arriving there the explosion occurred. He said he was unable to find where the gas was escaping from.
It was suggested also that

found that within 300 feet of the exwould have been the result, for there is plenty of combustible and explosive material stored in the vicinity under the

LORIMER IS EXONERATED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

proper legal permit

Report of Sub-Board Freeing Illinois Senator on Charge of Bribery Is Accepted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A report ex-merating Senator Lorimer, charged fine changes as compared with restricts's fine figures are as follows: with having been elected United States Senator from Illinois through the use of money, was formally adopted by the Elections to-day. The committee voted that Chairman Burrows should write and submit to the Senate a report in line with that which had been made by the sub-committee which investigated

scaffold directly above the explosion and testified that the odor of gas was very strong for half an hour previous to the accident. R. E. Whaley, manager of the Grand Central Terminal, was also will be the produced in the use of money in connection with his election. witness.

Fire Marshal Beers attributes the deupon the report. He said that possibly
structiveness of the explosion to the fact it might be finished this evening. He

strong resistance to selling pressure. that was in evidence during the first prices were hardly altered from yes-Possession which justifies making an plosion was a magazine centaining weakest stock, losing over 1 point. parks. He asks that the salary possession which justines making any reground attendants be cut from south to it a day. Under the per of the best experts obtainable on the sate the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the most she attendants would use and nature of explosives to determine the massing and the state of the stock at the outset.

Trading ruled quier in the later period. out prices held firm. Pronounced weakness in Lehigh Val-ley pulled prices down sharply in the

final hour and low prices of the day were recorded at the finish. Lehigh Valmy was 27-8 points down, and losses in other issues amounted to about - point. The list ruled steady throughout the greater part of the afternoon until concentrated selling of Lehigh Valley broke out, and about everything traded in was falling at the last. Total sales of stocks were 200,400 shares, and of bonds \$1,077,000.

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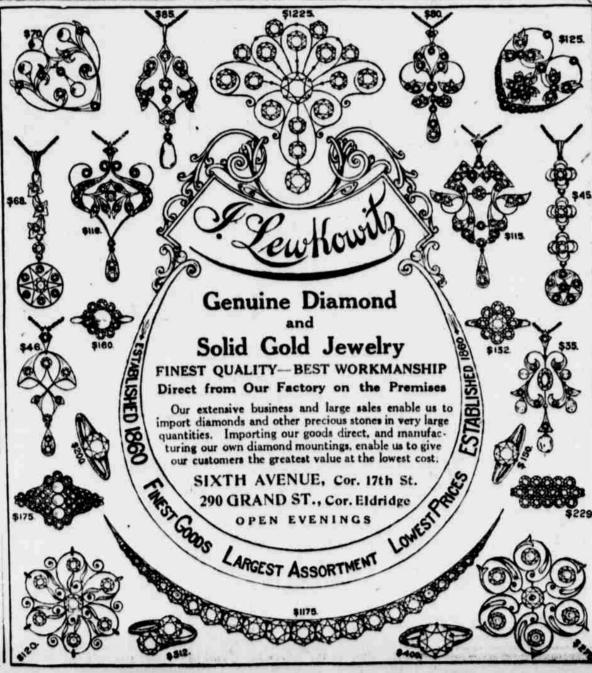
oroner Exonerates Him in Death of "Kid" Gardner.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 20.-John Cain of this city, opponent of Charles Imhot (Kid Gardner), the lightweight gover, who died following a bout at he Nonparell Club last Friday, was discharged from custody to-day by the Coroner's jury.

In his address to the jury Coroner Ford showed himself as holding liberal views toward athletic contests, stating that hoxing matches were no worse than footbal or baseball. He main-tained that when a person enters a hoxing contest it is with the knowledge that he is likely to lose his life.

Court Frees Pugilists.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 20.-Samuel Langford, Bob Armstrong and "Pork" Flynn were discharged in po-lice court to-day with consent of Rev George R. Lunn, D. D., reformer preacher-editor, who swore out war-rants that resulted in a raid on the American Athletic Club last night. "Jake" Carry, the promoter, alone was held in \$500 ball for trial on Dec. 29.



KIDNAPPED BOY **WOMAN JAILER**

Little Joseph Longo Tells How Marie Rappo Made Him Bed of Rags.

CUT ROPE ON DOOR.

Assisted Raiders to Get Into Room Where He Was

a Captive.

ngs, Marie Rappo, one of the band of idnappers recently rounded up by Comioner Flynn and his Italian deteclives, watched the preliminaries of her had taken his name and written it in a rial which began to-day before County trial which began to-day before County

trial which began to-day before County
Judge Fawcett in Part I of the County
Court of Brooklym.

The Rappo woman was indicted just a
week ago, together with Stanislo Pettanza, for the kidnapping of Giuseppe | which was "Peppo."

Longo, eight years old, of No. 188 TwenLongo, eight years old, of No. 188 TwenThe hall door, the boy testified, was
fastened with a rope tied to the bedroom, and no one was permitted to
enter unless they gave the password,
tanza, for the kidnapping of Giuseppe |
which was "Peppo."

"When the detective came I cut the
one with a knife, the little fellow sale. y-first street, Manhattan, and his nineear-old playmate, Michael Rizzo, and them as prisoners while denands were made on their parents for

he payment of heavy ransom. roman, who is forty years of age, as

napped boys, was the "star" witnesse against the Rappo woman. He is only three feet tall. He answered intelligently and evidently desired to tell all he knew. The Court took him in hand

What Would Happen.

"What would happen to you if told a lie?" the Judge asked. "I'd get punished."

"By whom?"
"By God, the police and the judge,"

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Nov. 19, when you were taken away? he was asked by District Attorney

"Yes. A man told a little boy to call me and the man took the little boy to a moving picture show. He told me to wait on Fifth avenue. He came around later and he said he was going to take me to a show, but he took me to the

Who was this man? Do you know

"Yes. He lives in my papa's house." The boy was shown a photograph of the three tenement houses owned by his father and he pointed out the hours

in which the man lived.
"Where did you think he was going? "To a moving picture show.

'Did you say anything?" "I said I wanted to go home, and they said this car would bring me home. I was crying a little bit. They took me to a house and they said I should stay there. Marie (meaning the Rappo wo man, whom he pointed out), said her husband was going to the corner and the other man would come back.

Slept in Kitchen. Where did you steep?"

'In the kitchen.' "Did Marie make a bed for you? Yes, she put rags down on the floor." "Were you alone in the room?"

"No, me and Marie and the two kids (the Rappo woman's children) was The boy identified Pattenzo, who was

rope with a knife," the little fellow said. It took just twenty minutes to get a jury, the first twelve men being accepted. Then District-Attorney Clarke told the story of the kidnapping. boy's father, Francesco Longo, took the When the kidnappers were run down stand to identify the letters and the hoys positively identified the Rappo lock of hair sent to him by the kidnappers, and Detective Charles Carra told the story of the raid on the East Sixty-third street house where the bo-

Skity-chird street house where the boy was found.

Six-year-old Michael Rizzo, the other kidnapped boy, was not sworn because he did not answer when asked if he knew what a lie was. He said that on the day he was taken away he was put the day he was taken away he was put in a house, and one night later a man took him out and left him by a bonfire in a variety where a policeman found him.

The letters sent to Longo's father were then read. All threatened death to the lad if his father did not pay the money demanded. In two of them locks of the boy's hair were sent as without

When the defense opened the Rappo woman was called. She said she took care of the kidnapped boy because she "Do you remember Saturday might. ly act for a neighbor.

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